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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Wed, 12 Mar 2025 15:55:04
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: PAL graduate level - REP-2025-0255 - Due 24-Feb-25
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Good day,

[redacted] and apologies for the delays. Please see below the approved response.

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Question :

Based on the recent gazette, could you please confirm that the graduate level of studies is defined as published and includes master and PhD level programs, hence, students transitioning from a master's to a PhD program within the same DLI do not need PAL:

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is categorized as follows:
- primary and secondary education,
- post-secondary education (including vocational and technical training, and undergraduate programs), and
- graduate education or above. (*niveau d'études*)

Response :

[redacted] to [redacted] and Citizenship Canada's Immigration Representatives Mailbox.
This information is being provided as general program guidance; we are unable to provide case-specific advice.

Under current ministerial instructions, IRCC categorizes levels of study into three distinct groups:
1. 1. Primary and secondary education
2. 2. Post-secondary education (including vocational and technical training, certificates, diplomas, advanced diplomas, and undergraduate programs)
3. 3. Graduate education or above

"Graduate education or above" refers to degree and non-degree programs at the graduate level or higher.

Students who remain within the same level of study while changing programs at the same institution do not require a new provincial or territorial attestation letter (PAL/TAL) when applying for a study permit extension.
They will need to provide proof that they meet one of the exceptions if they do not provide a PAL/TAL with their application.

For more information, please visit:
Study permit: Get the right documents Provincial attestation letter or territorial attestation letter - Canada.ca

We hope this information is helpful.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De : [redacted]
Envoyé : 24 janvier 2025 14:17
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.[redacted]
Objet : PAL graduate level

Good Day,

I hope my email finds you well.

I am leading a team of International Immigration Student Advisers at [redacted] (my license [redacted]

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Thank you,